

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Youichi AKASAKA, et al.

GAU: Unassigned

SERIAL NO: New Application

EXAMINER: Unassigned

FILED: Herewith

FOR: RAMAN AMPLIFIER, OPTICAL REPEATER, AND RAMAN AMPLIFICATION METHOD

**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY**

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SIR:

Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 10/120,173, filed on April 11, 2002, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.

Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e): Application No. Date Filed

Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u>	<u>MONTH/DAY/YEAR</u>
Japan	10-208450	July 23, 1998
Japan	10-210822	July 27, 1998
Japan	11-034769	February 12, 1999
Japan	11-034833	February 12, 1999
Japan	2000-006567	January 14, 2000

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

are submitted herewith

will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee

were filed in prior application Serial No. 09/527,748 filed March 17, 2000.

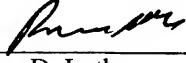
were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number  
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(A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and

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